

REMARKS

A series of rejections are set forth in the outstanding Official Action in the paragraphs numbered 1-6 citing a variety of references against originally filed claims 1-11. Applicant has cancelled claims 1-11 from consideration herein thus mooted these objections.

The method as set forth in newly amended claim 12 of the present invention (hereinafter, “the present invention” or “present invention”) recites the coated part being covered with a protective material in the form of a film. That is, in the present invention, by forming the protective material as a pattern on the base material, on which the coated part is formed, an effect can be obtained such that the subsequent printing can be carried out without damaging the preliminary printed light emitting layer by the printing plate or the like.

On the other hand, in U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0089252 (hereinafter ‘252), does not disclose the coated part as being covered with a protective material in the form as Applicant claims.

On the other hand, a screen printing method is disclosed in the cited section of ‘252 reference and in U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0003397. However, in these screen printing methods, the desired effect, of the preliminary printed light emitting layer not being damaged by the printing plate or the like, is disclosed or even remotely suggested.

For these reasons, the invention described in amended claim 12 is respectfully submitted not to be obvious in view of these references.

The invention as set forth in newly amended claim 14 (hereinafter referred to as “the present invention” or “present invention”) recites that the subsequent light emitting layer forming coating solution is printed on a region other than an area, where the light emitting layer forming coating solution is printed preliminarily, before solidifying all the light emitting layer forming

coating solutions printed preliminarily. That is, in the present invention, the subsequent light emitting layer forming coating solution is printed in between the light emitting layer forming coating solution printed preliminarily, before solidifying all the light emitting layer forming coating solution printed preliminarily. By doing so, problems, such as peeling off of the part brought into contact with the printing plate, do not occur and the desired effect can be obtained, that the light emitting layer printed preliminarily is not damaged.

On the other hand, a multilayer coating method, wherein a subsequent coating composition is coated on a coating composition coated preliminarily before solidification of the coating composition coated preliminarily, is disclosed in U.S. Patent No. 6,197,379. However, a method, of coating the subsequent coating composition in between the coating composition coated preliminarily before solidification of the coating composition coated preliminarily, is not disclosed. Moreover, in the above mentioned multilayer coating method, a case, in which the coating composition coated preliminarily is brought into contact with a printing plate, is not assumed. Therefore, it does not obtain the effect that the coated layers coated preliminarily is not damaged by the printing plate or the like.

For the above mentioned reasons, the invention described in Amendment Claim 14 of the present invention is not obvious from the reference so that the present invention does not fall under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

In accordance with all of the aforesaid amendments and distinguishing and supportive arguments, it is submitted that the claimed invention is patentable. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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